SCHOOL RESENT

**ALLEGED CHARGES** 

Say They Will Clear Name

of Charges Attributed to

Street Car Superintendent

Boys of Central high school went

According to the boys of the school

Mr. Ford had charged them with many sorts of improper conduct on board the cars. These included, ac-

cording to the boys, pushing and crowding on the cars in a manner which worried the conductors in making change; that the boys rang the bells on the cars all the way to

Main street, and the motorman, as a result, never knew where to stop;

that several window glasses had been proken and that cars on the Peabody ine nearly always had to go to the

shop for repairs after a run on that line; that bell ropes were cut and that trolleys were pulled off—the

speeches at Tuesday's meeting, in which they acknowledged that some of the charges were true, but that

of the charges were true, but that the more serious ones were not substantiated by facts. The meeting adopted a resolution pledging the boys to see to it in the future that there should be no cause for complaint of the conduct of the boys. They also declared that "Central high achool will clear her own name and adjust this matter to her own sat-

adjust this matter to her own sal

udents further stated that recently

tomobile at the stop at the intersec-

tion of Eastmoreland avenue an Believue boulevard, and that the stu dent body wished to eliminate thi

building. This committee reported, according to statements at Tuesday's

make the stop as requested, for the

reason that to do so would make the cars have stop three times within 200 feet, and for the further reason of the misconduct of the boys.

Mr. Ford was further said to have

stated to the committee that he wish-ed the cars did not have to stop within five blocks of the high-school

neeting, that Mr. Ford refused

wire. Some of the students

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## BOY KILLED BY EUM PLAYING BURGLAR

# GIRL GET ESTATE

Tells Philadelphia Police of Commissioner Declares Ne-Alleged Attempt at Lynching in South Carolina After Aiding Banker's Daughter.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—A man giving the name of Peter McMahon, of Yonkers, N. Y., with his wrists scarred by a rope and his back bearing the marks of a whip, left a northbound Pennsylvania railroad train here early today and sought the police for medical attention. He says he was seized and whipped on Menday night a few miles outside of Trenton, S. C., after he attempted to assist Miss Florence Powell, of Aiken, S. C., in a settlement which involved a division of her father's estate.

His underclothing was stiff with

His underclothing was stiff with blood, and besides lash marks, his body and neck bore the marks of ropes with which he said his torintors had attempted to hang him Police here are investigating his story of attempted lynching and mis-

reatment, McMahon, who is 55 years old, said he was seized when he left the train at Trenton, S. C., and was driven it to the point where his mistreatment took place, he said, eight men wear-ing white hoods gathered and and

beat him.
"They threw a rope around my neck, and then tried to put the other end over a tree, but it would not reach." McMahon said at the Hahneeman hospital today. "After a severe beating the men told me they had decided to let me go."

"They blindfolded me," McManon and "putting a bood over toy bead

they difficultied me, accausions aid, "putting a hood over my head exactly like the ones they wore, then they led me to an automobile and we drove to a house, where I was fed. They called a physician to ex-

amine my wounds.
"Then they drove me to Denmark. S. C. They gave me money to buy my ticket to New York, after mak-ing me promise I would not seturn. All the way from Denmark to Washington some one came boto the car occasionally and after looking at me

occasionally and after looking at me retired into another coach. This man acted as guard to see that I did not leave the train."

McMahon said he was too we'k to leave the train at Washington. He told the police he was a friesd and advance of Miss Powell. He said they father lives at Alken and is president of a bank.

of a bank.

Recently according to McMabon,
the father made a division of his
property among his children. Florsald, "and she and I went to Aiken last week to see if we could not get a better share for her."

McMahon described his movements in South Carolina and the feeling engendered by the interest he took in the case which resulted in the alleged mistreatment.

McMahon also said that when one men who beat him asked if he would sign a paper saying Miss Powell was incompetent to handle handle her own or her father's affairs, he refused and was beaten with clubs. A rope was tied around his neck he said, and he was dragged for a neck; long time.

AIKIN DENIES VIOLENCE AGAINST YONKERS MAN

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 20.—De-nial is made in telephone advices from Aiken today that any "white cap" activities have taken place in Aiken or Edgefield counties in connection with the visit of Peter Mc-Mahon, of Yonkers, N. Y., to that

### MacSwiney Spends Hours In Delirium; Fast In 69th Day

LONDON, Oct. 20.-Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork suffered a seriout attack of extreme delirium shortafter 10 o'clock this morning, the 69th day of his hunger strike, said a bulleting issued by the Irish Self-Determination league this afternoon. "All his relatives were summoned to him." the bulletin added. "The attack lasted until 12 o'clock, and at o'clock the lord mayor had regained his normal condition. He now quiet, but not yet quite normal

Another and even worse attack wa sustained by the lord mayor this afternoon was reported in a league bulletin, issued at 4 p.m., which

"The lord mayor had a second and more violent paroxysm of delirium this afternoon which lasted a con siderable time. He is now quiet and more normal mentally."

FORTY-EIGHT SHIPS SOLD.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Forty-eight enemy steamships, aggregating 247,409 tons, have been sold by Baron Incheahe, who has charge of the disposal of the vessels for the government. The sales were made to British purchasers and realized £4,786,978.

MELINE WEATHER

Twenty-four hours to noon, Oct. 20: Dry Bulb. Wet Bulb. Hum Hour.

p.m. yes'day 76 a.m. today, 64 Noon today . 59

Sun sets today 5:20 p.m. Rises to-morrow 6:11 a.m. Moon rises 12:16 a.m. tonight. Precipitation, none. Tennessee Fair.

Missisippi—Fair. Arkansas—Showers. Alabama-Fair. Kentucky—Fair. Louislana—Showers. Oklahoma-Showers. North and South Cogia and Florida-Fair. Caroltha, Geor-East Texas Showers. West Texas Cloudy.

# RECALL PETITION

groes Signed Paper Under Impression It Was Part of Registration.

Many persons whose names ap-pear on the recall petitions agains Mayor Paine and the four-city commissioners are withdrawing their names from the petitions and numerous telephone calls and replies to the queries sent out by C. C. Pashby, city clerk, have been received.

No official recognition is being given to telephone managements. given to telephone messages unless followed up by a written statement asking the withdrawal of the name,

asking the withdrawal of the name, according to Mr. Pashby.

"Many negroes who registered in the supplemental registration were told that the signing of the recail petitions was a part of the registration," Commissioner, Charles R. Shannon declared Wednesday. "We have heard from a large number of them saying that they did not know what they were signing and asking

what they were signing and asking that their names be removed." Mr. Pashby's elaborate checking system semes to have gotten well un-der way and there is little doubt expressed that he will have completed the work within the required time limit, which expires on Monday next. Members of the city commission are apparently unperturbed over the matter and the opinion seems to prevail that a sufficient number of names will be invalidated to bring the total of qualified voter's signa-tures below the necessary number to authorize an election. Express Confidence.

On the other hand backers of the outcome and declare in the final outcome and declare that they are prepared to challenge any action of Mr. Pashby in removing names. It is also pointed out that the men who backed the recall petitions have a large number of petitions that have not been filed and in the event of

not been filed and in the event of a contest it is probable that additional petitions will be presented.

Despite the apparent feeling of confidence which the members of the city commission express the petitions are the center of interest at city hall and Mr. Pashby's office is visited frequently throughout the day not only by the commissioners them.

the petitions is occupying the attention of a large number of extra clerks and many cityl employes throughout the day and until a late

While this work is in progress the legal department of the city is devoting much time and energy to recall act.

Arrangements were made early Wednesday by Mr. Pashby to secure the poll records for checking against the names on the petitions. his work will begin Wednesday, it is said, and Jerome E. Richards, tax collector, has advised the that his books are ready and will be turned over to them whenever

\$193,038 Is Total Realized To Meet Creditors Of Ponzi

BOSTON, Oct. 20,-The federa receiver of Charles Ponzi in a pre-iminary report today said that they have been able to collect to date only \$193,038 in cash as assets to meet the claims for millions presented by an army of disappointed investers in his-get-rich-quick scheme.

In addition, however, the receivers hold property which has not been appraised, certificates of deposit aggregating \$1,058,221 from the Hanover Trust company, now closed and \$228,000, in notes secured and

The bank commissioner of Massa chusetts has two notes for \$20,000 cach which he refuses to deliver, according to the receivers; there are other notes the status of which is uncertain; a safe deposit box at the Hanover Trust company containing cash amounting to more than \$11, 000 and the receivers are holding Ponzi's \$13,000 automobile for conversion into cash.

### COTTON HITS 15 CENT -LEVEL IN TEXARKANA

TEXARKANA, Ark., Oct. 20 .- Coton reached the low mark of 1 cents on the local curb market to day, this being the cheapest price offered in several years.

## Ex-Slave Tells How He Got Rich

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 20.-Born a slave, and now reputed to be one of the wealthiest and most respected negroes in the South, David T. Howard, 71, yesterday celebrated his golden wedding anniversary and made it the oc-casion to give some advice to members of his race.

Beginning on a iggacy of \$150, left by his former master, Howard now owns a business fated as the fourth largest of its kind in the city and financial institutions readily make loans on his

"I never wasted time, never went in for wild oats, enever saw a baseball game and never danced a step—but always at-tended to business," said How-ard "No social equality for me; no sane-thinking negro wants it." The negro today, Howard said

wants better justice in courts. better accommodations on rail road trains and more schools for his children. "Too many silk shirts and too much good time," said he, were the causes of racial unrest.

## MAN WHIPPED AND MANY ARE TAKING "I'm Sorry I Killed Johnny," DEPORTED HELPED THEIR NAMES OFF "I'm Sorry I Killed Johnny," Sobs Lad On Detective's Knee

# RANSACKED CABIN

Bandit Game Ends in Tragic Death--One Boy's Straightforward Story Leads to Other's Confession.

"I shot Johnny. I shot poor little ohuny. We were playing burglar." Between pitiful sobs that shook his small frame Troy Boyd Mays, 11year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Mays, 821 Linden avenue, late Tuesday night made a complete confession of his part in a tragedy which Tuesday afternoon took the life of his playmate, seven-year-old John Dutton, favorite son of the house-hold of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dutton,

The dead boy was known as "Johnny" to his brothers and sisters and the boys of the neighborhood.

The confession was wrung from the son-shaken youth by Lieut. Walter Hoyle, assistant chief of detections. tives, after 30 minutes of question-ing, and following an unshakable

ing, and following an unshakable story told over and over by Robert Thurman, aged seven, who was with the two boys.

Lieut, Hoyle told the Mays lad the story of how several boys accidentally hanged Charles Weiss while they were playing "cowboy." and this helped to break him down. The confession was made in the presence of Hoyle and a grown brother of Mays, who pleaded with the lad to tell the truth. Finally the boy broke down completely.

Despite the apparent feeling of confidence which the members of the city commission express the petitions are the centers of interest at city hall and Mr. Pashby's office is visited frequently throughout the day not only by the commissioners them selves. but he other city officials who are deeply interested in the final outcome.

Work of checking the names on the petitions is occupying the attention of a large number of extra clerks and many city's employes of the Dutton residence.

of the Dutton residence.

Troy obtained a carpenter's hammer and broke open the door of the house. The boys sneaked in—play-ing "burglar" with all the true art of a bayish play drama. Troy broke open as small wooden box, while Robert emptied a sack of flour on the floor. The Thurman boy found a revolver in all old cement sack. The Mays boy found another, a larg-

r pistol.
"Then we played burglar." cried the Mays lad, "and I shot poor little Johnny,"
The boy was shot in the left arm.
The bullet then entered his body,
penetrating the heart. Death prob-

The boys became frightened at the till form on the floor, which they called, to, but which did not move, and they ran away. In a few minutes they were playg in a nearby sand pile, the traged)

orgotten. The shooting occurred at about 3:30 o'clock. The time was estab-lished by Mrs. R. G. Fakes, 823 Lin-(Continued on Page 8, Column 1.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.-Government expenditures of four billion do lars during the next fiscal year were forecast by Secretary Houston the treasury department, today, an address before the convention of the American Bankers' association, which he covered a wide range financial and economic problems of

the nation, The secretary outlines the treasury's program for handing the war debt. liquidation of which, he said, must go on steadily in order that finat redemption be accomplished without disturbance to national life. He appealed for "the strictest econ-omy not only in our expenditures, federal, state/county and municipal, but also by thrift on the part of our people," adding that the program necessitated the maintenance of taxation "after this fiscal year on a level of not less" than \$4,000,000,000

annually. Mr. Houston said there were in-Mr. Houston said there were in-dications of falling receipts because there was no means of predicting the course of business or incomes and profits. The receipts for the present fiscal year, he reported, would be materially lower than the record of \$5,500,000,000 last year, expressing the belief that the receipts would not greatly exceed the required \$4,000, 000,000 under the present levy.

"We can not afford to operate on a tax basis which would give us revenues below those anticipated the speaker continued, "and in plans for revision this should be definitely borne in mind.

## War Legislation Hasty.

"Let me make this point clear: It saying that the aggregate-receipts for the government should be maintained at a high level for the purposes in-dicated. I am by no means commit-ting myself to existing schedules or

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the student body, the Memphis Trades and Labor council had re-cently appointed a committee to wait on Mr. Ford with the request that the stop be made in front of the Upper picture shows outside of shack where a seven-year old boy was shot and killed by a companion while they were playing burglar.

The photo at the lower left is that of the victim, Johnny Dutton. In the center is the heartbroken slayer, Troy Boyd Mays. At the right is Robert Thurman, who told police that "Troy shot Johnny." burgiar. im, Johnny Dutten. In the At the right is Robert

## IWELVE DIE IN TWO WRECKS: ONE IN VIRGINIA

Three Killed And Collision At Erie Five Injured In Smash At Bristol

ROANOKE, Va., Oct. 20 .- Three trainmen were killed and five were more or less injured and five or six passengers were shaken up in a head-on collision on the passing siding at Rural Retreat, Va., between passenger trains Nos. 14 and 37 at 8:45 o'clock this morning, acording to an official bulletin issued from the Norfolk and Western office here.

The dead: J. W. Linkous, of Roanoke, engineer on No. 37; N. T. Py-eritz, of Bristol, engineer on No. 14; rank Beckner, of Bristol, fireman on

The injured: W. J. Walden, fireman; Mail Clerk Stark, Baggage master Turner, Conductor Wise New

The cause of the accident, the bul-

Trouble Was Not

Cardiac; No, Mam!

Shannon's Heart

Shannon had lost his heart.

Truly Shannon, who is a model

tion came on resignation of H. I Hart, auditor in the commissioner

liart tendered his resignation early

Hart was in the finance of-

this week and it was accepted when he explained that he had another po-

CLAIMS THIRTY STATES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—At least 30 tates will be carried by Harding and college in the November election, scott C. Bone, director of publicity of he Republican national committee,

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 20.—A telephone messagef rom Eric, Pa., at noon today said 10 persons were killed in the collision between two and Brakeman Martin on New York Central passenger trains there. Fifteen injured have been letin said, was due to the passing siding switch being open. taken to hospitals.

## JURY TRIES TO PUT TAX BACK IN TAXI

Fatal To At Least

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 20.-Nine persons

ire known to have been killed and it least 17 injured in a wreck on he New York Central railroad, near

hospital physicians—said they e pected the list of casualties to increased.

become confused when they saw the two passenger trains coming from

opposite directions, and, one of them

was throwing a switch when the train from Buffalo rushed by. The next instant the crash came. One of the

dead was believed to be a signal

Nine; 17 Are Hurt

said they ex-

A jury in Second circuit court Charles R. Shannon, the amiable orrmissioner who handles city finances. Wednesday was explaining to friends that he had no intention of ompany for \$3,105, in favor of C. W. marrying, at least, just now. Somene had spread the rumor about that

Wilson sued for \$10,000, alleging that in September, 1919, while a pas-senger in a Yellow cab, he was in-jured when the cab went over a bumper near Raines Tenu. and torsed him against the roof and to the floor. John H. Poston, Jr., was of variorial perfection, sports a rakish looking auto, and is one of Memphis' most eligible backelors, did lose a Harr. But the loss in questhe floor. John H Wilson's attorney,

## Old Sol May Fade Is Scott's Forecast

The weather will continue warm Thursday, although the sun may not shine so brightly, according to forecast issued Wednesday Weatherman Scott.

Kintt told police that when he The Mississippi river is scheduled joined the postoffice service three to fall for several days in this dis-trict. The gauge Wednesday regismonths ago other clerks told him always burned political and tered a stage of 4 feet, indicating a advertising matter. fall of .1 of a foot during the last 24

Secretary of Treasury for Resumption of Board to Finance Cotton.

RESOLUTIONS APPEALING FOR HELP FOR COTTON FARMER

"Whereas, the sharp contrac-tion during the past few weeks in domestic demand for American products has been so acute as to bring about serious business sit-uation and as to threaten even more unfortunate conditions in agriculture and commercial busi-

ness; and "Whereas, the European market has in the past under ordinary world conditions served in large n record as resenting charges which hey said had been made against measure as an outlet for the them by E. W. Ford, superintendent of the Memphis / Street Rallway company, at a meeting held at the high school building Tuesday after-American producer; and "Whereas, Europe, although desperately in need of American

products today, both for the pur-pose of feeding and clothing its populations and of giving them employment, is unable to afford relief to the American producer by reason of the need on the part of the European buyer for long-term credits; and

"Whereas, the war finance cor-poration, for the purpose of meeting the world emergency, as vest-ed by congress in March, 1919, with the power (which has not yet expired) either out of funds heretofore appropriated by con-gress or out of funds to be obtained from the public by the sale of its bonds, to make advances on good security to American exporters and American banks to assist in the sale and exportation of American products to foreign purchasers on credits up to five years in duration; and

"Whereas, the war finance cor-poration did, up to May 1, 1920, demonstrate its usefulness to the country by assisting on a large scale in the exportation of Amer-

scale in the exportation of American products on credits of from six months to five years: and "Whereas, the secretary of the treasury, in May, 1920, caused said corporation to suspend such exercise of its powers in the preservation and stimulus of American export trade, although such powers still exist under the law, so that said corporation is today inactive at a time when the American public has the most urgent need for its activity; and to have the cars stop directly in front of the building, as when the weather is unfavorable the students have to walk over the streets in rate and snow, thus inviting colds, pneumonia and other stekness. The "Whereas, we are informed that said corporation could resume the exercise of its said functions with reference to export trade if the secretary of the treasury would dangerous stop, so far as high school students were concerned. They stated that, at the request of 'Now, therefore, be it resolved

that we hereby most earnestly urge upon the secretary of the treasury that he now cause the war finance corporation to re-sume the exercise of its powers under section 21 of the war fi-nance corporation act to make advances in the aid of the ex-portation of American products until such time as its said power in that behalf shall have expired under the law, or until the ent dire emergency shall passed: and

"Further resolved that the president of this organization be and he is hereby authorized and requested to appoint a committee to present these resolutions to the secretary of the treasury."

tion. Cotton exchange, Merchants' exchange, Chamber of Commerce Lumbermen's club and the Memphis

It is understood that similar reso-utions are being adopted by organ-

zations of a like nature through-out the country.

In a telegram received by W. R.

King, Wednesday, Mr. James ex-pressed confidence that the secre-

tary of the treasury would reverse

nen and farmers from different sec

men and bankers that the price of

Mr. James has the support of the

former head of the war finance cor-poration, leading business men and

ankers in this enterprise. Mr.

narket price of cotton, caused by the

inability of European manufacturers to purchase in large quantities, will be greatly, if not entirely, relieved

by the resumption of the war fi-nance corporation. So far the sec-retary of the treasury has not made

statement regarding his intention, and Mr. James will probably remain

n Washington until a decision

given. He is confident that if the

the South make unanimous reques

the secretary of the treasury car not fail to heed the demand.

immediately

cotton will advance immedi-from one to two cents a pound.

Clearing House association

### The above resolutions, suggested by George R. James, president of PROJECT PLANNED the William R. Moore Dry Goods company, who is in Washington, engaged in an effort to secure the rewere adopted Wednesday by the Totton States Merchants' associa-

the union station here today. Some of the injured are so badly hurt that Bankers Approve Proposal to Extend Foreign Business. Early reports to railroad men were that a party of signal repair-men working near the station had

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Approva 999 corporation to finance the na-tion's foreign trade was given today by the American Bankers' association, in convention here.
President Hawes was authorized to

call a meeting of bankers and business men to work out plans for the formation of such a corporation un-der the provisions of the recently enacted Edge law, as proposed in the report of the association's committee on commerce and merchant marine,

which was presented today.

The people of the United States are carrying around in their pockets or hiding at home \$3,000,000,000 of American currency, or nearly one-half the total supply, said Fred W. Ellsworth, vice-president of Hibernia Bank and Trust company of New Orleans. That means that for every family

in the country there is an average of \$100, a large proportion of which should be in the banks where it could Wednesday did its best to put the accomplish for the business community infinitely more than it can a verdict against the Yellow Cab company for \$3,105, in favor of C. W.

## Burns Political Mail; "Too Heavy"

CHICAGO, Oct. 20,-George Klatt, aged 21, a mail carriers was arrested today and turned over to federal authorities, charged with burning political matter sent through the mails "because it made his pack too heavy." He was found in the basement of a schoolhouse where he was stuff-ing speeches of Congressman Rainey into the furnace.

## KING IMPROVES. ATHENS, Oct. 20,-King Afexander passed a better night and a slight im-

provement was noted. It was an-nounced here today. The condition of ung congestion remained systionary. The wound caused by the bite of the monkey is improving, but an examina-tion of liquid extracted from his lungs showed the presence of pneumonia

Many Organizations Appeal to Premier Insists Settlement Be Final-Reported Willing to Grant Raise on Production Increase Condition.

> LONDON, Oct. 20.-Negotiations which might settle the strike of Britsh miners today were believed to be assured. Government officials and labor leaders who outlined their po-

labor leaders who outlined their positions before the opening session of
parliament, have shown their desire
to reach an understanding. Belief was
general today that proposals were in
preparation by both sides.

Premier Lloyd George has definiteity declared he is ready to enter into
negotiations, but he has emphasized
that the government wants a final
settlement of the differences which
brought about a cessarion of work in brought about a cessation of work in British mines last Saturday. He has deciared plans for a tentative wage increase, pending a complete adjustment, would not be satisfactory as that method of meeting the present situation would threaten trouble later, Coal production, he holds, must be augmented and he may submit some proposals which will deal with this phase of the situation.

This morning's newspapers com-ment appreciatively on the calm and dignified tone yesterday in the

and dignified tone yesterday in the house of commons, and the absence of provocative words. This fact is regarded as a good omen, journals maintaining that, although the dead-lock continues, the debate has cleared the stage for a compromise.

One possible basis for a settlement is set forth by the Daily Mail, which says if the miners are willing definitely to agree that an advance of two shillings given now may be withdrawn at the end of December if production is not increased by that time, the government will consider such a proposal. The government, however, will inflexibly insist upon its position regarding production, the newspaper says.

in the meantime reports of the closing of industries accumulated, coupled with assertions that workera in other trades who are loaing employment through the miners' strike, are showing resentment. This is said to be especially poticeable in the Middleborough, how and picel district and the heighboring parts of Northeastern England.

The National Union of Railwaymen, the executives of the transport workers, and the parliamentary committee of the trades union congress.

mittee of the trades union congress held a meeting this morning to consider the attitude toward the strike, but thus far no decisions have been taken. The greatest importance attached to the National Union of Railwaymen's meeting, which was a full delegates' conference, with power to declare a sympathetic strike without referring the matter to the union members.

The national council of the inde-pendent labor party adopted a resolution today expressing grave appre-hension over the attitude of the gov-ernment toward the miners, "conernment toward the miners, "con-veying, as it does, an aggressive chal-lenge to the whole working class movement." The resolution requests the labor party to convene a special

# FOOD, SAYS U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—The decline in the retail price of foodstuffs during September was placed at 2 per cent by the department of labor bureau of labor statistics in its menthly report today on food costs.

Some foodstuffs, notably potatees and sugar, sustained a marked decrease in price while others, including such commodities as eggs, pork choos and oranges underwant price. chops and oranges, underwent price increases ranging from eight per cent for oranges to 12 per cent for eggs. The drop in the price of potatoes was placed at 22 per cent: sugar, 20 per cent; cabbage, 14 per cent, and coffee, 6 per cent.

The decline in retail prices, howhis order which caused the suspen-sion of the war finance corporation

sion of the war finance corporation on May 1.

Mr. James left Memphis Saturday night and since that time has been in conference with bankers, business compared with the 2 per cent decompared with the 2 per cent decomp crease in the retailers' prices to the

ions of the country who assembled in Washington to urge Secretary
Houston to revive the corporation.
In the event Secretary Houston
an be persuaded to make available
funds heretofore appropriated by Not all of the 51 leading cities of the country shared alike in the re-tail price decline, the drop being esti-mated at 6 per cent in Butte. Mont., while it was less than five-tenths of one per cent in Boston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Omaha, Pittsburgh and engress to assist in the sale and exportation of American products, t is the opinion of leading business business Washington.

Decreases of 3 per cent were reported from Charleston, S. C.: Jacksonville, Little Rock, Milwaukee, New Orleans and Scranton. The decline was estimated at 2 per cent in At-lanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Columbus, O., Dallas, Denver, Indianapolis, Louisville, Manchester, N. H.; Mem-phis, Mobile, Peoria, Portland, Me.; Richmond, Rochester, St. Louis, Saft Lake City and Springfield. Lake City and Springfield, Ill., and one per cent in Birmingham, Bridge-port, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland. Detroit, Fall River, Houston, Kan-sas City, Newark, New Haven, New York, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore.; Providence, St. Paul, Sa-vannah and Seattle.

## Pryde Back On Job After Ford Jaunt

John Pryde, police desk sergeant, is going to read Mark Twain's "Roughing It" in his idle moments, to see how the book compares with the real thing. He returned Tuesday from Mississippi, where with his wife, he had a long trip by automobile. During the absence of Sergeant Pryde, Sergeant T. Loe Cole had Pryde, Sergeant T. charge of the desk.